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Failure of the pumping machine worked by the Industrial Engineering Department at Sadoor.

*274 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the pumping machine set up and worked by the Industrial Engineering Department at Sadoor in Mangalore taluk last year broke down and whether the crops raised by means of it were dried up for want of water;

(b) who supervised the working of this machine and why it failed; and

(c) what was the loss caused to the ryot thereby and whether any amount has been refunded to him?

A.—Information has been called for.

Names and qualifications of the Directors of Industries since 1916.

*275 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the names and qualifications of persons who have been appointed as Directors of Industries since 1916; and

(b) the period during which each of them held this post?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (d) of question No. 520 on 24th March 1927. It may be added that Mr. Bazl-ul-lah has since been succeeded by M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur A. Appadurai Pillai who entered on his duties towards the close of July 1929. The several officers who have held charge of the post since 1916 have all been officers with wide administrative experience and capacity.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I know whether it is a fact that as many as ten officers have held the post of the Director of Industries since 1916?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"Yes."

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I enquire whether such constant change in the personnel of the Director has been found to be conducive to any continuity of policy in the department?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"There has been no change unless there was some urgent necessity for the same."

[For further starred questions, please see pages 481–503 infra.]

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Civil Justice

Number of priests serving as Jurors and Bench Magistrates.

276 Q.—Rao Sahib R. Srinivasan: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the number of (1) Hindu priests, (2) Mullas and Moulvis and (3) Ministers of Churches, that are in the list of Jurors and Assessors of the Madras High Court and those that serve as Bench Magistrates in the province?

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A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to rule 3 of the rules framed by the High Court and published on pages 1—3 of the Supplement to Part II of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 30th April 1929. Under the above rule, persons who are actually officiating as priests or ministers of their religion are exempt from service as jurors. There are no assessors in the High Court.

As regards Bench Magistrates, there are at present twenty Ministers of the Church serving as Bench Magistrates in this Presidency but no information is available as to the number of Hindu priests, Mullas and Moulvis serving in that capacity.

Irrigation

277 *Q.*—Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPA Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a big boulder has slipped on the water course in the Sheveroy Hills and blocked the water which was previously flowing into Salem through Tirumani Muttar river, and that the water is now flowing through the Vannar river and goes to the other districts; and

(*b*) if so, what steps the Government propose to take to remove the obstruction?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A report has been called for.

[For further unstarred questions, please see pages 503–504 infra.]

STARRED QUESTIONS

Depressed Classes

Number of Adi-Dravida children attending labour schools.

*278 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) which sub-sects of the Adi-Dravidas are attending the labour schools in South Kanara;

(*b*) what number of children of each of these classes are now in the labour schools; and

(*c*) whether any difficulty is experienced in making children of higher and lower classes among these people attend the same school and, if so, what steps have been taken to overcome such difficulties?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information.

Police

Shadowing of M.L.C.'s by the Police.

*279 *Q.*—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has examined the question if Members of the Legislative Council may be shadowed by the Police while in Madras for other purposes than to attend the Legislative Council;